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Tom:

The NRC staff has reviewed your July 27, 2004, response to NRC Bulletin 2004-01, "Inspection of Alloy 82/182/600 Materials Used in the Fabrication of Pressurizer Penetrations and Steam Space Piping Connections at Pressurized-water Reactors." Based on our review we have determined that some additional information is needed to complete our review of this response, as follows:

Item 1(c) in Bulletin 2004-01 states in part, "If leaking pressurizer penetrations or steam space piping connections are found, indicate what followup NDE will be performed to characterize flaws in the leaking penetrations. Provide your plans for expansion of the scope of NDE to be performed if circumferential flaws are found in any portion of the leaking pressurizer penetrations or steam space piping connections." Therefore, please supplement your response to provide a statement that, where evidence of apparent reactor coolant pressure boundary leakage is discovered by visual examination, NDE capable of determining crack orientation will be performed in order to accurately characterize the flaw, its orientation and its extent. The response should also provide your plans for expansion of the scope of NDE to other components in the pressurizer to be performed if circumferential flaws are found in any portion of the leaking pressurizer penetrations or steam space piping connections.

This e-mail aims solely to prepare you for a conference with the NRC staff. It does not convey a formal NRC staff position, nor does it formally request for additional information.

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